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UM FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

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University of Montana sociology Assistant Professor Rebecca Richards received a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and do research at the University of Joensuu in Finland during the 2005-06 academic year.

Richards will help develop and teach a course in the sociology of non-wood product harvesting for the forestry school and study wild berry harvesting in Finland. She is one of about 800 faculty members and professionals from the United States who will travel abroad to more than 140 countries for the 2005-06 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. During its 58 years of existence, thousands of faculty members and professionals have studied, taught or done research abroad, and thousands of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States.

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Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields. Among thousands of prominent Fulbright Scholar alumni are Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize-winning economist; Alan Leshner, CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Rita Dove, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet; and Craig Barrett, CEO of Intel Corporation.

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